

# ***Railroad Process Overview***

***Local Program Symposium***

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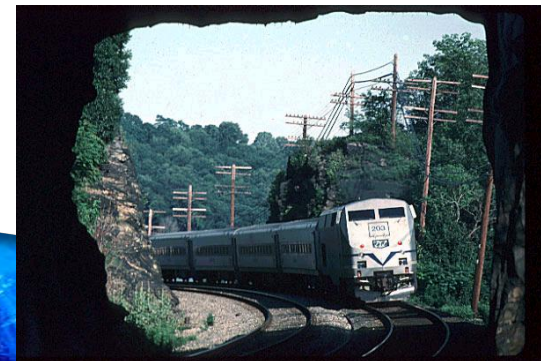
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## ***Why Railroad Coordination?***

- ▶ **Projects NEAR Railroads.**
- ▶ If there is a railroad within 1000 feet of your project – talk Stan Lukasz with DAAR and I want to know!
- ▶ Pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 109(e), where a railroad-highway grade crossing is located within the limits of or near the terminus of a Federal-aid highway project for construction of a new highway or improvement of the existing roadway, the crossing shall not be opened for unrestricted use by traffic or the project accepted by FHWA until adequate warning devices for the crossing are installed and functioning properly.



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## ***Why Railroad Coordination?***

- ▶ **Why 1000'?**
- ▶ Working definition of ***near*** is within the advanced warning distance of a railroad. A 55 mph advance warning sign (W10-1) is located 750' to 1000' from the crossing.
- ▶ Only a screening tool
- ▶ Impact timely delivery of project.



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## ***Bottom Line***

- ▶ Cannot gap or stop short of a crossing to avoid RR impacts.
- ▶ Must end a project in the vicinity of a crossing at a “logical” point.





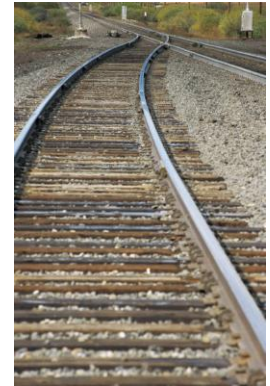
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***I have a Railroad Crossing on/over/under  
/adjacent to My Project.***

## **Now what????**

### **▶ Notification.**

- Contact Stan Lukasz (DAAR).
  - Phone: Office 414-225-9817
  - Direct 414-935-4360
  - Cell 414-839-4447
  - email: [stan.lukasz@daarcorp.com](mailto:stan.lukasz@daarcorp.com)



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## ***Can't I Just Wait?***

**No!!!**

- ▶ Reference FDM 17-20-5, gives ideal timelines for each situation
  - At-grade RR Crossing, 24 month estimated lead times
    - New railroad warning device upgraded
    - Railroad warning device relocation
    - Establishing a new railroad crossing
    - Alterations/Replacement of existing railroad crossing
    - Lengthen RR Crossing Surface



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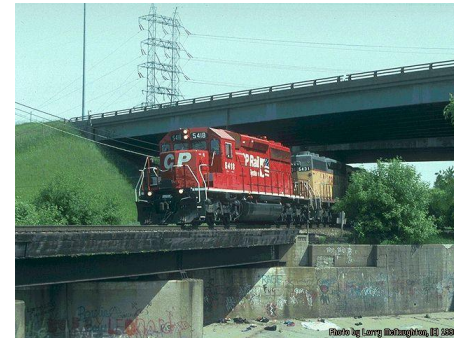
## ***Railroad Project Submittal Package***

- ▶ Railroad Crossing Report, Form DT1589
- ▶ Brief Project Description
- ▶ Title Sheet
- ▶ Typical Section
- ▶ Sheet
- ▶ Plan – Profile at Crossing
- ▶ Drainage
- ▶ Plat (if RW is needed)



# ***Process Railroad Process Overview Can't I Just Wait?***

- ▶ Estimated Minimum Lead Times for Structures.
  - 24 months for decking replacement
  - 36 months for constructing a new highway overpass.
  - 48 months for constructing a highway underpass new or replacement.





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## ***Additional Time Consideration***

- ▶ Some cases require a hearing before Office of the Commissioner of Railroads (OCR)
- ▶ Information provided by RR Coordinator in preparing testimony for the OCR Hearing.
- ▶ Holding a pre-hearing conference with RHS is sometimes needed.



# Questions?

